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Addendum

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 12. Crime prevention and criminal justice

1. At its 12th meeting, on 15 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support for the programme was expressed. It was noted that the programme was one of the priorities of the Organization. Efforts made to streamline and to prioritize the activities under the programme were welcomed. It was stated that the programme should have focused on areas in which the United Nations could offer a comparative advantage. The attention given to gender mainstreaming was appreciated. The programme's work on transnational organized crime was supported. The fight against transnational organized crime should be treated as a priority. It was observed that there was an excessive emphasis on legal instruments and that it was necessary to establish a better balance between the various activities carried out under the programme.

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Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) ***Paragraphs 12.1, 12.3 (d), 12.6 and 12.7 (c)***

Insert the words "in all its forms and manifestations" after the word "terrorism";

(b) ***Paragraph 12.1***

(i) Replace the first sentence with the following: "The overall objective of the programme is to strengthen international cooperation and assistance to Governments in tackling crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems";

(ii) Replace the last sentence with the following: "The mandate of the programme is provided in resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the recommendations emanating from the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders";

(c) ***Paragraph 12.2***

(i) In the first sentence, delete the words "the Centre for International Crime Prevention";

(ii) At the end of the paragraph, add the words "and to the General Assembly";

(d) ***Paragraph 12.3***

(i) Add a new subparagraph before subparagraph 12.3 (a), reading: "Promoting and implementing the outcome of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, the decisions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly";

(ii) Subparagraph 12.3 (a): Replace the words "and corruption" with the words "trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption and illicit trafficking in firearms";

(iii) Subparagraph 12.3 (b): At the end of the subparagraph, add the words "prison reforms, independence of judiciary and prosecution authorities, the juvenile justice system and restorative justice approaches, in particular to assist Governments in protecting vulnerable adolescent groups from being recruited by organized criminals";

(iv) After subparagraph 12.3 (c), add a new subparagraph, reading: "The programme will assist Governments in their national and multilateral efforts to respond to changing crime trends, as well as to create the necessary instruments and institutions for a more accountable, transparent and effective crime prevention and control system. The programme will also endeavour to disseminate expertise in the effective and humane handling of offences, offenders and victims";

(v) Subparagraph 12.3 (d): At the end of the subparagraph, add the words "by addressing its criminal aspects";

(vi) Add a new subparagraph after subparagraph 12.3 (e), reading: "Continue to develop, in consultation with Member States, an effective global programme for technical cooperation to assist in fighting corruption";

(vii) Add a new subparagraph (f), reading: "Supporting Governments to address the root causes of crimes";

(viii) Add a new subparagraph (g), reading: "Emphasizing and enhancing the prevention and rehabilitation programme";

(ix) Add a new subparagraph (h), reading: "Urging increased donor cooperation";

(e) ***Paragraph 12.4***

In the first sentence, replace the words "international efforts" with the words "national efforts";

(f) ***Paragraph 12.5***

(i) Replace the second sentence with the following: "In addition, it will assist in the development of a new international legal instrument to combat corruption";

(ii) Add to the end of the last sentence the words "in synergy with the United Nations Crime Prevention and Justice Programme Network Institutes";

(g) ***Paragraph 12.6***

Replace the last sentence with the following: "Country-specific needs assessments would be undertaken";

(h) ***Paragraph 12.7***

Replace subparagraphs 12.7 (a) to (d) with the following:

> **"(a) The adoption and entry into force, with the assistance of the Centre at the request of Governments, of the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime and the protocols thereto;**
>
> **"(b) The expansion of global knowledge of and expertise to deal with crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing**

and trafficking in firearms, and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;

"(c) The enhanced capacity of Member States to respond at the national, regional and international levels to crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing and trafficking in firearms, and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems";

(i) ***Paragraph 12.8***

(i) Replace subparagraphs 12.8 (a) to (e) with the following:

"(a) The number of Member States requesting and receiving assistance in signing or ratifying the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime and the protocols thereto;

"(b) Best practices and information disseminated; research undertaken and new techniques developed and shared among Member States to respond to crime problems, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;

"(c) The number of countries requesting and receiving technical assistance, as well as the development of plans to enhance the capacity of Member States to respond at the national, regional and international levels in order to respond to crime problems, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;

"(d) The quality and accessibility of databases maintained by the Centre;

"(e) Improved technical assistance in addressing crime problems; increase in the number of trained criminal justice personnel";

(j) ***Legislative mandates***

(i) Add the following General Assembly resolutions:

54/125 Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

54/127 Activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, as well as consideration of the need to develop an instrument on the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in explosives

54/129 High-level Political Signing Conference for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

54/130 African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

(ii) Add the following Economic and Social Council resolutions:

1999/23 Work of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme

1999/24 Action to promote cooperation and the functioning of the clearing house on international projects in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

1999/25 Effective crime prevention

1999/26 Development and implementation of mediation and restorative justice measures in criminal justice

1999/27 Penal reform

1999/28 Administration of juvenile justice